



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Issue Application of: RICHARD WASHINGTON ET AL.

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For: SLIP RING APPARATUS

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Examiner: GILMAN, A.

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P. O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**I. AMENDMENT;**

**II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 4, 2004**

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2004 for which the three-month date for response is February 4, 2004.

No fees are believed due, however should any fees under 37 CFR 1.16-1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such additional fees from Deposit Account No. 10-1205/COVI:005. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3), the Commissioner is authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.126(a) to be timely, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time, and the Commissioner is authorized to deduct any requisite extension of time fees under 37 CFR 1.16 to 1.21 from Deposit Account No. 10-1205/ COVI:005.

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The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number indicated below with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate expeditious and compact prosecution of the application.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.